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STAND ASIDE, *QUICKSTER!* MY RIGHT TO RULE DOES NOT CONCERN YOU!

DUDE, YOU'RE UGLY AND YOU'RE EVIL. I'M *DEEPLY* CONCERNED. PLUS, I'VE GOT THE THE SWORD OF ACORNS.

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PAH! IT'S A FAKE! I SAW THE REAL ONE DESTROYED!*

*STH #164.

FWOOSH!

RIGHT. SO ELIAS PROMOTED THE **SWORD OF LIGHT**. WHICH BEATS DARK MAGIC LIKE YOURS.

SO DO YOU WANT TO SURRENDER NOW OR WHAT?

YOU'VE NOT WON YET! WE'LL SEE WHOSE MAGIC IS GREATER!

MEANWHILE, AT THE CIVIC CENTER...

NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU BLOKES CAN'T LAND A HIT ON ME.

WE WERE WILLING TO GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, GEOFFREY, EVEN AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO SONIC.*

YOU'RE TOO KIND, LUV.

*STH #219.

BUT TO RESTORE NAUGUS...TO BE AN IXIS WIZARD YOURSELF! AND NOW TO USURP MY BROTHER...!

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR NOT PAYING ATTENTION.

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. MY MASTER IS MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL OF ACORN NOW TO MAKE...

...HIS RIGHTFUL CLAIM TO THE CROWN. AND THROUGH HIM, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY WILL FINALLY BE *SAFE.*

TRAITOR OR REVOLUTIONARY, YOU'RE STILL A *MURDERER!*

WAIT, WHAT?!

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF! HERSHEY IS DEAD!

AND YOU THINK *I* COULD DO THAT TO HER?

WE WERE ON SEPARATE MISSIONS! I INVESTI-GATED WHEN SHE DIDN'T REPORT IN!

AND YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE A SINGLE WORD FROM YOU NOW?

THINK OF ME WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT DO *NOT* BELITTLE MY WIFE'S SACRIFICE!

"SHE WENT DOWN FIGHTING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!"

THE EGGDOME --EGGMAN'S BUNKER...

AND WITH ONE LITTLE CHAOS EMERALD, THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

HOW ARE THE READINGS, SNIVELY?

THEY'RE INCREDIBLE! ALL SYSTEMS ARE ALREADY CHARGED BY FIVE PERCENT!

THRUUUUUUU!

VERY GOOD. I'M ON MY WAY TO THE COMMAND DECK. BEGIN LAUNCH PREPARATIONS.

MEANWHILE, AT CASTLE ACORN...

RAUGH!

IT IS SO!

IS NOT.

IS TOO!

IS NOT!

IS-- RARGH! CURSE YOU!

THE LAST KING SWORE FEALTY TO ME! HE BECAME MY KNIGHT! THIS KING-DOM IS *MINE!**

IS NOT.

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 14.

FACE IT, GRUESOME! YOU'RE AN EVIL WIZARD, *EVERYBODY* KNOWS IT, AND NO AMOUNT OF "PLAYING NICE" IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT.

IT IS NOT *YOUR* PLACE TO JUDGE!

I DON'T-- *WHOOP!*

NO, IT'S MINE.

KSSSH

AND I WILL NOT GIVE UP MY FATHER'S CROWN SO EASILY!

WHOOSH!

THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH FIGHTING BETWEEN YOUR FAMILY AND ME. STEP DOWN, BOY, AND TAKE BACK YOUR SIMPLER LIFE.

OOF!

HAMLIN! DYLAN! PENELOPE! YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU WERE STILL WITH THE SUBSTITUTE LEGION! * LET'S BACK THEM UP!

*SEE SONIC SELECTS VOL. 1.

NICOLE? CAN YOU HEAR ME? I NEED THE NANITE SUIT!

NO, YOU DON'T. SIT DOWN.

WHAT?

WE'RE *NOT* FREEDOM FIGHTERS ANYMORE. WE'RE COUNCILORS.

BUT...!

THE PEOPLE ELECTED US TO *GOVERN*, NOT FIGHT. OR DO YOU WANT TO BE CHARGED WITH DERELICTION OF DUTY?

YOU WANT TO BRING ME UP ON CHARGES?!

YOU SET THE PRECEDENT WITH SALLY!k

UM, HELLO? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIGHTING ?

*STH# 197

THE CONSTITUTION ONLY CALLS FOR A KING TO PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL. IT DOESN'T SPECIFY WHO HAS TO BE KING.

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

I HAD THOUGHT THE MATTER OF ELIAS'S RULE WAS ALREADY SETTLED WITH YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND.**

WHAT WAS SETTLED FOR THE PEOPLE WAS THE EXISTENCE OF A KING!

*STH# 178-179.

COME ON, PEOPLE! HE ALREADY STIRRED UP TROUBLE AND CRYSTALIZED NICOLE'S NANITES! WHAT FURTHER PROOF DO YOU NEED?

WELL, IF HE CAN DO THAT, MAYBE HE COULD PROTECT US FROM...

ARE YOU CRAZY?

...NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN ALL MY LIFE!

...AND ROBOTNIK'S STILL OUT THERE...

...WE HAVE LAWS FOR A REASON!

MEANWHILE, IN THE EGG-DOME...

OIL OCEAN REFINERY DISABLED

EGG TOTEM DESTROYED

SNIVELY! LIEN-DA! REPORT!

ALL SYSTEMS ARE ONLINE AND ENGINES ARE FULLY POWERED.

STAGE ONE OF "OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP" IS CHARGED TO FIFTEEN PERCENT.

MARVELOUS! SIMPLY MARVELOUS!

COUNT DOWN 00:10:00

OPERATIO CLEAN SWEEP

BEGIN THE COUNT-DOWN!

ARE YOU SURE? SHOULDN'T WE WAIT UNTIL STAGE ONE IS AT LEAST--

SHUT UP, SNIVELY. IT'S TIME TO RE-MAKE THIS WORLD IN MY IMAGE.

00:10:00

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS --CIVIC CENTER...

I CAN KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY, MATES!

BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO.

REALLY NOW?

YOU SAY YOU'RE INNOCENT. YOU SAY NAUGUS IS IN THE RIGHT.

YES.

THEN WE SHOULDN'T BE *FIGHTING.* IF YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING, STAND DOWN AND LET *JUSTICE* TAKE ITS COURSE.

HA HA HA!

CLEVER, LUV. I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH THAT.

00:09:00

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, PLEASE.

OH, YOU *BET* WE WILL.

NICOLE? ARE YOU OKAY?

NICOLE?

THEY'RE GONE, SALLY. THE NANITES THAT NAUGUS CRYSTALLIZED ARE GONE.*

*SEE LAST ISSUE.

EVEN IF THE CITY IS DAMAGED, I CAN FEEL THE NANITES. I CAN REBUILD WITH THEM. BUT THE MAGIC *CHANGED* THEM, DESTROYED THEM... AND I CAN'T GET THESE BACK.

00:08:00

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

THAT WEIRDO'S MAGIC BEATS THE NANITES.

MAYBE THIS NAUGUS GUY *COULD* PROTECT US?

YEAH, BUT WASN'T SONIC FIGHTING HIM?

SONIC'S FOUGHT GOOD GUYS, TOO, THOUGH.

MAYBE HE'S MADE ANOTHER MISTAKE?

NICOLE, I THINK YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF SIGHT FOR A WHILE...

...VERY WELL.

AND ISN'T COMMANDER ST. JOHN A HERO?

BLIP

WELL, HE DID WORK FOR KING MAXIMILLIAN...

MAYBE HE'S RIGHT, AFTER ALL?

00:07:00

MEANWHILE, AT CASTLE ACORN...

...WHICH MEANS IT IS A LEGAL AND POLITICAL MATTER.

RIGHT! WE SHOULD A *LEAST* VOTE ON IT!

MISTER HERO HERE THINKS HE CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS AND IGNORE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL--*AGAIN!*

NO, NO, *NO!* HE'S THE *BAD GUY!* I BEAT HIM UP, AND THAT'S IT!

OH, WHAT A SURPRISE!

I CAN AND I *WILL* WHEN YOU GUYS ARE BEING *STUPID!*

EASY NOW, SONNY...

DOESN'T ANYONE THINK ELIAS SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CROWN?

00:06:00

DUDE, DON'T JOIN IN ON THE CRAZY-TALK.

...IF I WERE TO STEP DOWN, WOULD YOU HONOR THE COUNCIL?

I SEEK ONLY MY CROWN. I WILL HONOR THE COUNCIL AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE...

...JUST AS *SOME* FREEDOM FIGHTERS SHOULD.

THAT'S IT! I'M ENDING THIS CHARADE BEFORE IT GETS ANY MORE RIDICU-LOUS!

00:05:00

HOLD ON, SONIC! THIS CAN BE ENDED PEACE-FULLY!

YOU'VE *FOUGHT* TO STAY KING! YOU WERE SWINGING AT HIM A SECOND AGO, TOO!

LISTEN. HE'S TOO POWERFUL, AND THE PEOPLE ARE JUMPY. WE NEED A PEACE-FUL SOLUTION RIGHT *NOW,* AND WE CAN FIGURE OUT--

NUH-UH, I'M KEEPING THIS SIMPLE.

I'VE GOT MY SHINY, POINTY TRUMP CARD RIGHT HERE. YOU GET JAILED, ELIAS STAYS KING, AND THAT'S THAT.

BOLD WORDS...

...COMING FROM THE ONE COMMITTING *TREASON* RIGHT NOW.

00:04:00

NEW MEGA-OPOLIS...

NASAL SENSORY ARRAY DE-PLOYING...

OCULAR SHUTTERS OPENING...

VENTRAL ENGINES BEGINNING PRELIMINARY BURN...

VVVRRRMMMMMM!

RRRRUMMMBLE!

00:03:00

CASTLE ACORN.

WHAT'S THE DEAL?! YOU WOULDN'T BE GIVING ME SUCH A HARD TIME...

...IF IT WAS EGGMAN STANDING HERE!

JULIAN IS MY ENEMY AS WELL.

ONE... NOBODY CALLS HIM THAT ANY-MORE, GET WITH THE TIMES. TWO... I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU. THREE... YOUR RASPY, HISSING VOICE MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL, SO *SHUT IT!*

NO, THE OTHERS ARE RIGHT. THIS IS A GOVERNMENT MATTER. *PLEASE* LET US HANDLE THIS CALMLY.

I HAD THINGS UNDER CONTROL!

I'M TRYING TO MAKE THE BEST OF A BAD SITUA-TION, AND YOU'RE *NOT HELPING!*

I'M TRY-ING TO SAVE THE DAY, AND *YOU* GUYS ARE TRIPPING ME UP!

00:02:00

RRUMBLE

KRA-KA-BLAMOOSH!

00:01:00

RRWHOOOSH

LAUNCH

rrrrrrrrumble!

THIS IS HECTIC ENOUGH WITH-OUT YOU MAKING EARTHQUAKES!

THAT... WAS NOT MY DOING.

NOR WAS IT AN EARTH-QUAKE.

SOMETHING SHOOK THE EARTH WITH GREAT FORCE...

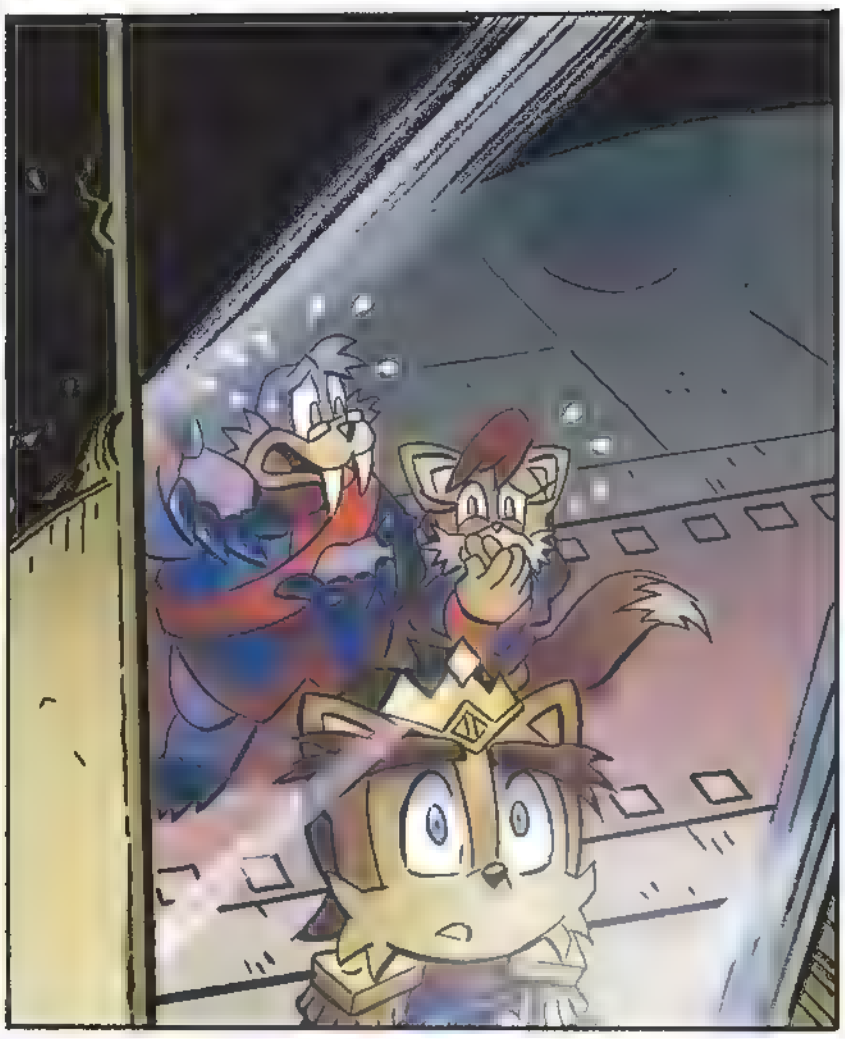
...AND FROM A DISTANCE.

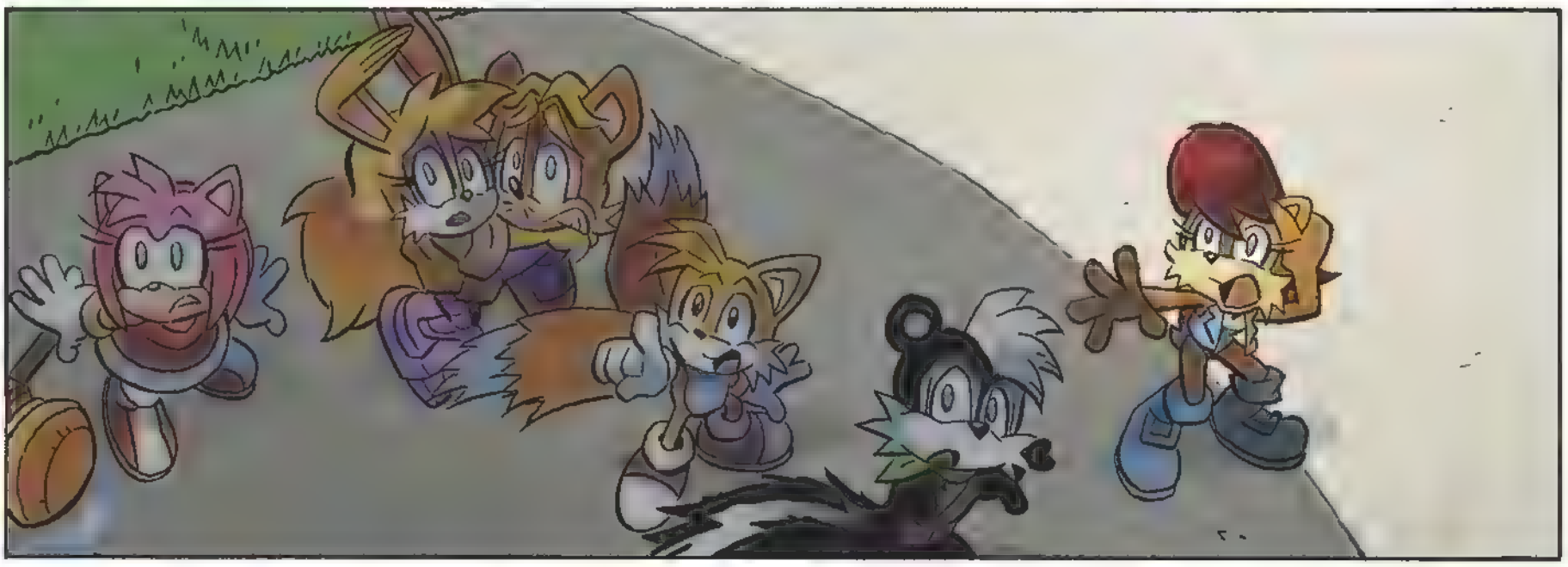
DOCTOR EGGMAN?

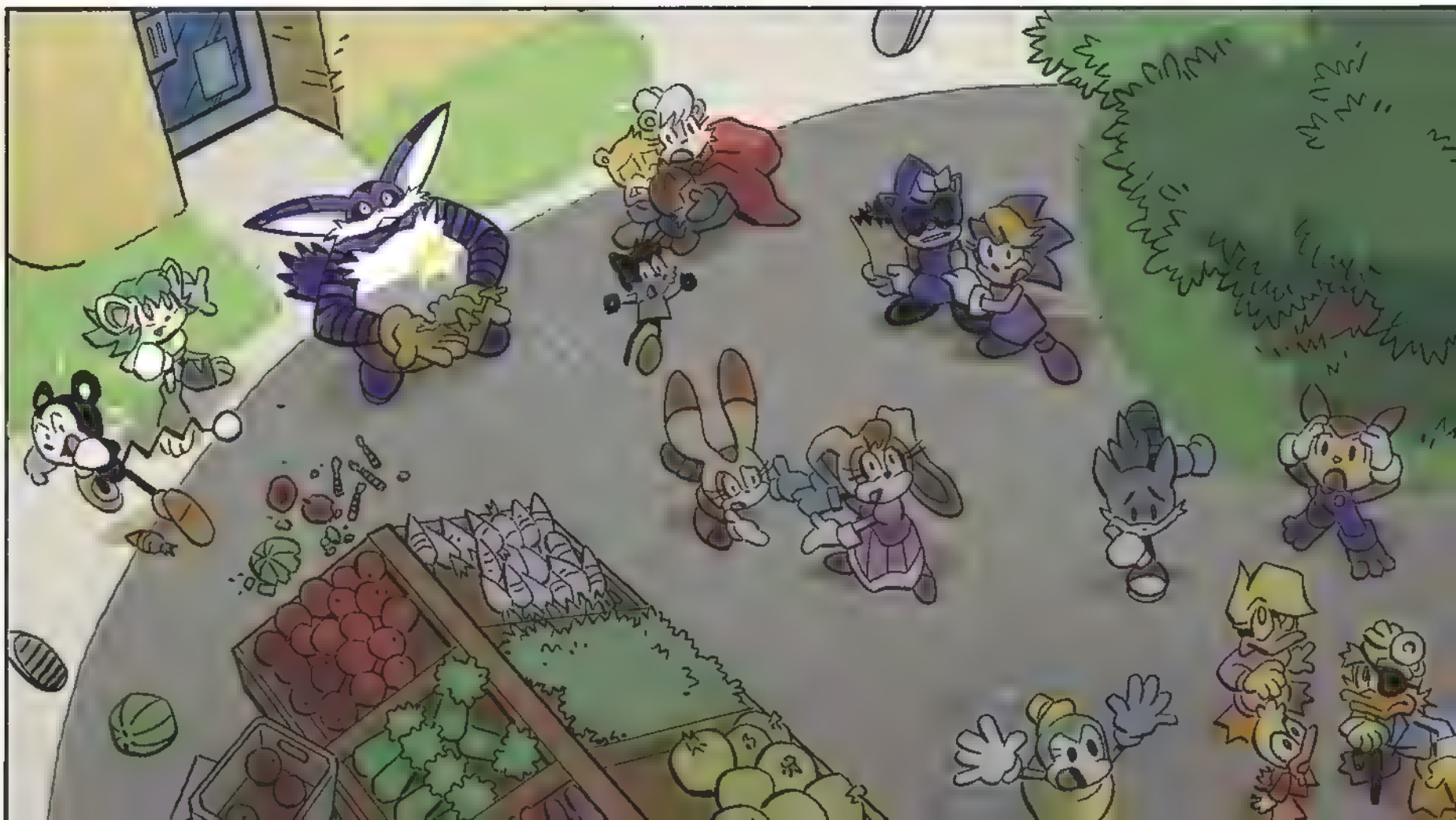
HE'S BEEN QUIET FOR A LONG TIME. MAYBE...

FINE! WE'LL BREAK FOR NOW! IXIS NOOGIE! DROP THAT CRYSTAL SO I CAN STEP OUTSIDE.

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO--







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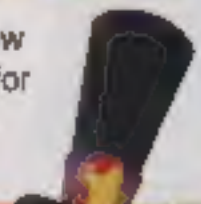

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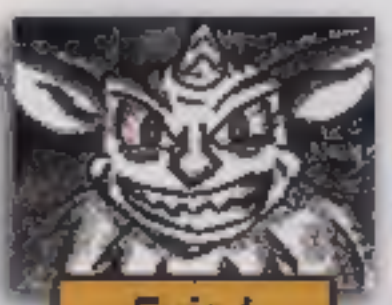

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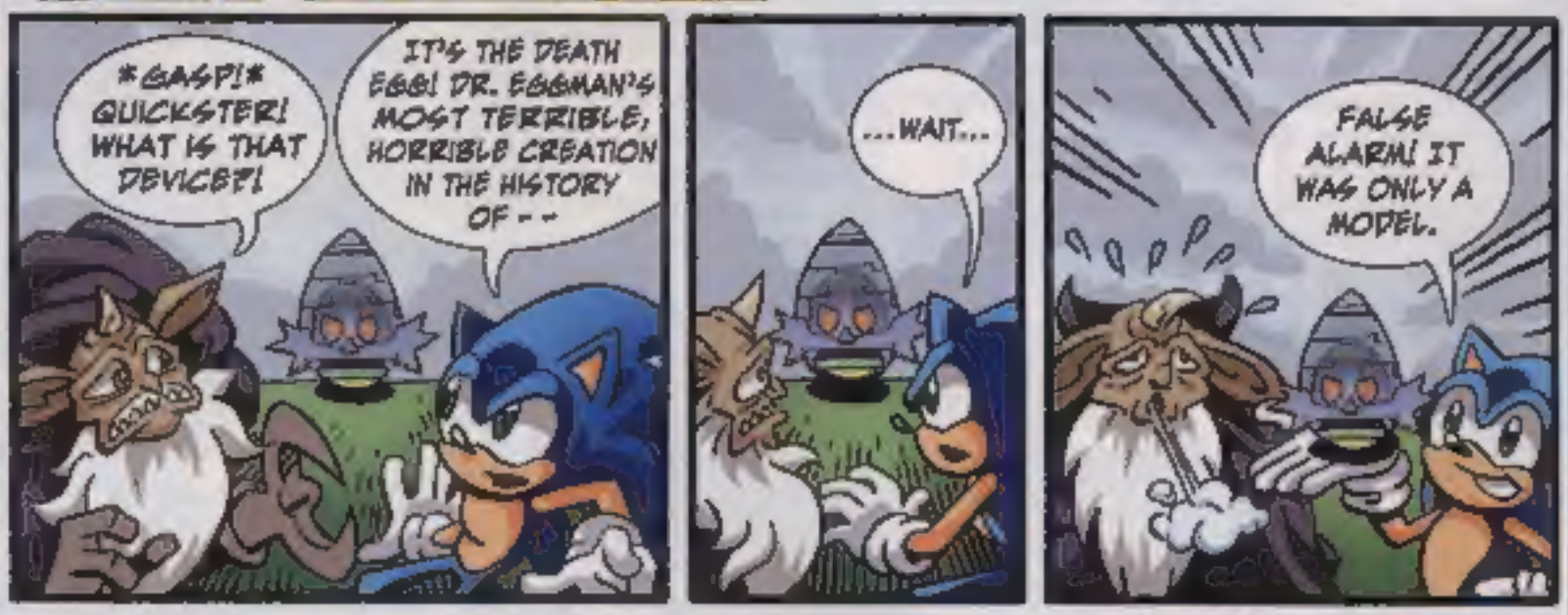
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I just fell in love with Mina! Issue 221 is awesome! All the musical notes floating around is so cool. I loved looking at the characters in the background, and found some raccoon guy dressed like Mario (lol pg# 1).

Hahaha, yes indeed, penciller supreme Ben Bates loves putting "easter eggs" in his panels -- look hard enough and you can find some in this very issue!

What type of creature is Naugus? Or is he just like a "thing"?

Naugus is, and this is true, part Rhino, part Lobster and part Bat. That's right, kids! Naugus is THREE kinds of ugly!

I love drawing Sonic every day, every second! How many times does the artist draw each individual picture?

It varies from artist to artist, but on average it takes about a month to pencil all 22 pages of a given Sonic issue.

After about 3 or 4 hours of drawing pictures I start drawing badly >: (Some people say "You should take 2 days to finish your picture." Should I?

Thank You!
Christian
from North Carolina

Taking a break is a great idea! Returning later with a fresh set of eyes will help your drawing a bunch!

See ya next month!

NEXT SONIC UNIVERSE: 28

SILVER VS. ENERJAK!
WINNER TAKES ALL! ONLY IN...

THE SILVER SAGA
THE CONCLUSION

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